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SUBJECT: U.S.-NEW ZEALAND BILATERAL ON THE MTN

REF: GENEVA 5672

1. NEW ZEALAND DEL HAS INFORMED US THAT A HIGH-LEVEL
DELEGATION LED BY ASST. SECRETARY WOODFIELD WILL BE
COMING TO GENEVA WEEK OF MAY 8 FOR "SERIOUS SUBSTANTIVE"
NEGOTIATIONS. THEY HAVE PROPOSED THAT WE MEET WITH THEM
ON MAY 8 (AND AGAIN LATER IN THE WEEK IF NECESSARY) IN
LIGHT OF VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND
ON MAY 9 AND 10. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED TO THESE
DATES.

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2. NZ DEL TOLD US THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, THEY WOULD
LIKE OUR TEAM TO BE LED BY APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL
REPRESENTATION FROM WASHINGTON. THEY SAID THEY HAD BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO EMPHASIZE THIS IN LIGHT OF THE LEVEL OF
THEIR REPRESENTATION AND THE FACT THAT THEY ARE COMING
PREPARED FOR "HARD BARGAINING."

3. OBVIOUSLY, THE NEED FOR THE INFORMATION OUTLINED
PARA 9 REFTEL IS NOW MORE URGENT. IF WE ARE TO ENGAGE
NEW ZEALAND IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, IT SHOULD BE READY
BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK. IN PARTICULAR, WE KNOW THAT
NZ DEL WILL BE PUSHING FOR U.S. RESPONSE ON NZ DAIRY
(PARTICULARLY BUTTER) REQUESTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE
REALIZE THAT THIS REQUEST IS CLOSELY RELATED TO OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH EC AND SHOULD BE TIED TO OUR TACTICAL APPROACH TO THE LATTER.

4. PLEASE ADVISE POSSIBILITY OF APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATION ATTENDING THESE BILATERALS, AND WHETHER MAY 8 DATE IS ACCEPTABLE. CULBERT

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